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40. (Twice amended) A composition for reducing the risk of transmission of a sexually transmitted disease, the composition consisting essentially of a β-cyclodextrin, a solid substrate and, optionally, an agent selected from a contraceptive, an agent for treating a sexually transmitted disease, a lubricant, and a combination thereof.

Please add the following new claims:

--52. The method of claim 9, further comprising contacting the pathogen or cells susceptible to infection with the pathogen with a contraceptive, an antimicrobial agent, an antiviral agent, a lubricant, or a combination thereof.

53. The method of claim 52, wherein the contraceptive is a spermicide.

54. The method of claim 52, wherein the antimicrobial agent is an antibiotic.

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55. The method of claim 23, further comprising contacting the pathogen or cells susceptible to infection by the pathogen with an antimicrobial agent, an antiviral agent, or a combination thereof.

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56. The method of claim 53, wherein the antimicrobial agent is an antibiotic.

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58. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 37, wherein the contraceptive is a spermicide.

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59. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 37, wherein the agent for treating a sexually transmitted disease is an antimicrobial agent or an antiviral agent.--